Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Motor vehicle accidents killed 130 people in South Dakota in 1985, and injured 6,239; and,

WHEREAS, Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of violent death for people between the ages of 6 and 50 in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Motor vehicle crashes account for ten times more fatalities than all other forms of transportation combined; and,

WHEREAS, Safety belts could prevent 40 to 50 percent of the traffic fatalities and reduce the number of serious injuries by 45 to 55 percent; and,

WHEREAS, The use of safety belts and child safety seats are the best defense against the drunk and drugged driver; and,

WHEREAS, The All-American Buckle Up, May 18-25, 1987, is a nationwide campaign challenging citizens to make safety a lifetime habit by using child safety seats and safety belts every time they get into a motor vehicle:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 18-25, 1987, as

BUCKLE UP AMERICA WEEK

in South Dakota, and urge all citizens to establish a goal of always buckling up while traveling in motor vehicles.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Governor's Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE